

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Lori Bonham, Dan Bush, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, JoAnn Bonham Schaible, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Carl Molter

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 10, 2020.

This meeting was preceded by a local power outage that impacted the Municipal Building.

Presentation By Holland Girl Scout Troop # 80309

As part of their Bronze Award Project, the Girl Scouts gave a presentation to announce the naming of the new park in Holland. They chose the name of 'Osakame', which is a Lenape word meaning 'across the river'. The Girl Scouts also designed artwork for a sign at the park. Mayor Dan Bush spoke about installing a kiosk at the entrance of the park. He also announced a grant from Georgia-Pacific supporting Arbor Day. Georgia-Pacific will award a grant of \$5K each year to the Township. The funds will be used to buy benches and replenish shade trees at the park. Mayor Bush also announced that the Penn East pipeline is no longer being pursued.

Approval of August Minutes

Minutes of the August 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

AutumnFEST and DVRHS 60th Anniversary

Larry LaFevre announced AutumnFEST and the 60th anniversary of Delaware Valley Regional High School. This combined event will take place on Saturday, October 9th, at the high school. The Milford Borough Historical Society will be represented. Historical items to be included from Holland Township are the 1860 Farm Map, the tri-fold display of one-room schoolhouses, a few framed black & white photographs and a set of 'Early Settlers...' books. Beverly Kirby-McDonough circulated a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in volunteering at the event.

Inventory of HPC Room at Riegel Ridge

Larry reported that 25 framed black & white photographs, left over from the Hunterdon County 300th, were retrieved from the Prevost House in Alexandria. Also recovered were some extra 'Early Settlers...' books. These items will be stored in the HPC room at Riegel Ridge. Larry mentioned that power and lighting is still needed in the storage room. Also, he proposed purchasing a third storage rack after review of the budget.

HPC Files and Index

Larry thanked JoAnn Bonham Schaible for helping complete an index and inventory of HPC files (in Excel spreadsheet format) at the Municipal Building. This is a significant accomplishment.

T. Fazekas Photo of Warren Glen Mill

Larry stated that he received a message from Mr. Tim Fazekas. Mr. Fazekas offered to donate a framed photograph of the Warren Glen Paper Mill from the 1930's. Larry passed around a paper copy of the image. The original picture measures 38" x 29", and has some slight damage. It could possibly be displayed at Riegel Ridge. Larry asked to see the actual photograph, but he has not heard back from Mr. Fazekas. He agreed to follow up.

Other Business

2022 HPC Meeting Dates – Larry said he would get back to Cathy Miller regarding dates. No term is due to expire. Meeting dates will be the same as the previous year. The Township reorganization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4th, so the first HPC meeting will be held on Friday, January 7th. Larry will send out the meeting dates to all HPC members.

Marian Cummins Scrapbooks – Larry described how the scrapbooks were accidentally acquired. Mr. Art Van Doren purchased an old desk with pull out drawers at the Cummins farm auction. Three scrapbooks were discovered in the drawers, and Mr. Van Doren donated them to the HPC. The scrapbook contains local school artifacts.

Display Case in Riegel Ridge Lobby – Dan recommended refreshing the basketball memorabilia on display at Riegel Ridge. We can select new artifacts to display. Kathy Sciarello suggested including some photographs from the Jack Weiss collection.

Holland Happenings Newsletter – Beverly mentioned that she wrote a brief article to be included in the November issue of Holland Happenings. The subject of the article is the Henry Cole Farm, which is now the Oak Hill Golf Course.

Explore Warren History Trail – This self-guided, free tour of historic Warren County sites will be held on November 6th and 7th. Lori Bonham mentioned that a Trails End Party will be sponsored by the Pohatcong Historical Society at Alba Vineyard on November 7th from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. She agreed to bring invitations to the next meeting.

Fine/Cyphers Farmstead – Lori and Larry provided an update. The Pohatcong History and Heritage Society is in the process of selling the property. Historic easements will be placed on both the house and the barn.

"Sweet Lies" Flier – Larry circulated a flier about a presentation concerning drug abuse awareness and prevention by the Holland Township Police. Dan expressed interest in making it current for Delaware Valley students.

Hunterdon County 300th – Joe Becker has been attending regular meetings. He recommended checking the Hunterdon County 300th website for upcoming events, including a tour of Flemington. Also, Joe asked Dan if the conference room at Riegel Ridge could be used for some future event. Dan agreed.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 1st, 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00PM